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PLO

'Arafat Talks in Jordan -- At the first round of talks on 9 October between PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat and Jordan's King Husayn, the two sides made a general assessment of the Fes Arab summit resolutions. They discussed political action for an Israeli withdrawal from the "occupied territories" as well as the Jordanian-Palestinain "special relationship," Amman radio reported. According to the JORDAN TIMES, PLO sources said a formula for joint action was worked out the first day. The strategy calls for the formation of committees to promote a joint accord. The paper reports that this strategy will soon be put before the Palestine National Council. The paper also says that on 10 October the two leaders discussed details of the joint formula. Citing an informed source, the Kuwaiti paper AL-QABAS asserted that the talks dealt with specifics for a joint federation, including separate passports and armies.

At an 11 October meeting in Amman of members of the PLO Executive Committee, Central Council and Palestine National Council, 'Arafat stated that his talks were "very positive" and stressed that Jordanian-Palestinian relations are "close," Amman television reported. 'Arafat added that King Husayn sent an envoy to Lebanon to ask the Lebanese Army to stop the "harassment" of Palestinians. That day, 'Arafat met with Jordanian Prime Minister Mudar Badran to discuss relations, and both sides called for increased Arab support for the Palestinians, the television noted. At a gathering at the PLO's Amman office, 'Arafat warned that fighting will soon erupt in the Al-Biqa' Valley and that "big surprises" are coming, San'a' Voice of Palestine radio said.

In another development, a source cited by Beirut radio affirmed that 'Arafat and King Husayn will visit the USSR and the PRC together to brief these countries on the Arab peace plan.

PLO Stands on Confederation, Reagan Plan -- In an interview with Monte Carlo radio, Khalid al-Hasan, chairman of the Palestine National Council's Foreign Relations Committee, expressed support for a Palestinian-Jordanian confederation. Although he praised various points in the Reagan plan, he insisted that an Israeli withdrawal from the "occupied territories" must precede any elections in Palestine. He stressed that the question of recognition of other states is only possible within the context of an established state.

PLO spokesman Mahmud al-labadi declared in Amman that the PLO is prepared to negotiate with the United States on the basis of the Reagan peace plan, because the PLO recognizes U.S. influence on Israel, Cairo radio reported. He added that the PLO is inclined toward a Palestinian-Jordanian federation after a Palestinian has been formed. PLO Executive Committee official Ahmad Sidqi ad-dajani said in an AL-AHRAM interview cited by MENA that the PLO Executive Council will meet in Tunis to define its policy and to discuss the Reagan initiative.

Rome Synagogue Attack

One child was killed and 30 persons were injured when terrorists launched a gun and grenade attack against worshippers at a Rome synagogue on 9 October, ANSA reported. The report noted that the unidentified attackers escaped. According to San'a' Voice of Palestine, PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat sent a cable to the Italian president expressing sorrow over the crime. The PLO representative in Italy condemned the attack and stressed PLO solidarity with the Jewish community regarding this "horrible assault," AFP reported. However, Aden Voice of Palestine radio said the envoy blamed "Zionist intelligence" for the crime in its attempt to undermine the Palestinian struggle.

Monte Carlo radio said the "Fire Group of the PLO," belonging to the Red Brigades organization, claimed responsibility for the attack. Jerusalem radio reported that the Israeli Foreign Ministry strongly condemned the attack. MA'ARIV disclosed through Jerusalem political sources that Israel blames Italy for the crime because it ignored warnings of such attacks and indirectly encouraged such events by supporting the PLO.

Israel

A 10 October Cabinet statement, reported by IDF radio, asserted that Israel still desires a peace agreement with Lebanon, although the Cabinet secretary emphasized that this is not a precondition for an IDF withdrawal. In the statement, Israel called for immediate negotiations to remove all foreign forces from Lebanon and stressed that the IDF and Syrians should leave simultaneously after the withdrawal of "terrorists" from Al-Biqa' and northern Lebanon. Before the evacuation, it declared, the IDF must receive all dead and captured IDF soldiers and security arrangements must be made for southern Lebanon. Jerusalem radio revealed that these arrangements will include a role for the Lebanese Army and Christian militia commander Sa'd Haddad. The radio noted that there is optimism for a Lebanese-Israeli peace agreement and that specifics for a plan for Lebanon will be discussed at the 13 October Cabinet session. Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon told the Cabinet that there must be a peace settlement with Lebanon and accused the United States of "sabotaging" Israeli-Lebanese attempts at negotiations, according to the radio, which noted that some ministers objected to this accusation.

Meanwhile, a Foreign Ministry spokesman insisted that Israel still demands the withdrawal of the PLO from Lebanon before an IDF departure begins, Jerusalem radio asserted. The radio said officials affirmed that the United States does not oppose this position.

Lebanon

An Israeli officer was wounded when gunmen fired at an IDF patrol in 'Alayh on 10 October, IDF radio reported. While Jerusalem radio said the Israeli was caught in the cross-fire between warring Phalangist and Druze militias, Voice of Lebanon radio cited a WAFA report that the Palestinian-Lebanese joint forces claimed responsibility for the attack. Earlier, ITIM and the Israeli paper 'AL HAMISHMAR reported that the Phalangists and the Druze had engaged in violent clashes involving killings and kidnappings.

In the wake of alleged cease-fire violations in the eastern sector, Israeli military sources cited by IDF radio on 11 October said the Syrians have again granted permission to the "terrorists" to operate against the IDF in the Al-Biqa' area. Although Voice of Lebanon radio cited reports of Palestinian withdrawals from northern Lebanon, DFLP Secretary General Nayif Hawatimah stressed in an interview reported by AFP that the Palestinian forces will remain in eastern and northern Lebanon until the Israelis leave and the Palestinain civilians in Lebanon are given Lebanese, Arab and UN guarantees.

Meanwhile, the Labanese Army continued its search for arms, wanted people and illegal immigrants in West Beirut, Beirut radio reported. According to army command communiques reported by the radio and by the Voice of Lebanon, 96 persons were arrested in these security operations 9-11 October. The clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio accused the army of a "campaign of harassment" against West Beirut residents and criticized the authorities for failing to implement security measures in East Beirut. However, the radio subsequently reported that Phalangist Party leader Pierre al-Jumayyil has accepted the security plan for East Beirut and has invited the government to deploy the army there, asserting that anyone who opposes the security plan is a "traitor and an Israeli agent." According to the Voice of Lebanon, the Phalangist leader stressed to his party's Political Bureau and Central Council the need to maintain discipline and facilitate the government's efforts to restore its control over all Lebanese territory without exception. An earlier AFP report indicated that the plan to uncover arms caches in East Beirut has been delayed by the opposition of Christian militia.

A Phalangist Party official was among a number of Lebanese men recently released by Syrian authorities, according to Voice of Lebanon radio.

Syria

President Hafiz al-Asad and British Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Francis Pym met in Damascus on 10 October to discuss the Middle East situation, Damascus radio reported. Al-Asad stressed the European role in influencing U.S. opinion and asserted that if the United States is serious in working for peace it should stop supplying arms to Israel. Meanwhile, Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad told a Damascus press conference that the latest U.S. peace plan is a "retreat" from previous U.S. positions on the Middle East and cited various examples of Reagan plan deficiencies, according to Monte Carlo radio reports. He conceded that the Fes Arab summit peace plan refers to Israel in one of its articles. This concession was later described as "insignificant" by Israeli sources cited by IDF radio. On PLO leader 'Arafat's visit to Jordan, Iskandar Ahmad said Syria believes no one is entitled to deal unilaterally with the Palestinian cause and all PLO decisions must have Executive Committee approval. He said there is no problem in Syria's relations with Lebanon and described its relations with the USSR as "excellent," adding that Soviet weapons are "trustworthy." He admitted that the air force is weak but asserted that Syrian weaponry will soon equal U.S. quality. He described relations with the United States as an "open dialogue between two contradictory sides." While stressing that all IDF soldiers must leave Lebanon before Syrian troops withdraw, he asserted that the PLO withdrawal is an issue for the Lebanese Government to resolve with the PLO. Iskandar Ahmad told the NEW YORK TIMES that Syria will recognize Israel if the Israelis withdraw from the Golan Heights and occupied Arab territories and recognize Palestinian rights, the radio also reported.

Saudi-Iranian Pilgrims Dispute

Riyadh radio announced on 8 October that 69 Iranian pilgrims were arrested and deported for chanting political slogans that violated Islamic rites. It added that the gathering near Medina was instigated by Iranian pilgrim affairs supervisor Mohammad Hoseyn Musavi-Kho'ini. Tehran radio alleged that Saudi forces carried out a "savage attack" and injured a number of pilgrims, but this was denied by the Saudi interior minister in a statement cited by SPA. The Saudi minister asserted that the Iranians were disturbing other pilgrims and that the troubles were instigated by leaders of the Iranian group. The minister also revealed that Musavi-Kho'ini and 140 of his followers had been deported by late 9 October.

The Saudi envoy in Tehran was summoned by an Iranian Foreign Ministry official to receive a protest note on the expulsion of pilgrims and the "barbarous attacks" by Saudi police, which the official said only promote the interests of "arrogance and Zionism," Tehran radio reported. The Islamic Consultative Assembly, in a statement cited by IRNA, warned Saudi Arabia to learn from what happened to the ex-shah of Iran, who relied on U.S. support and was allied with Israel. In another development, Ayatollah Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri sent a message to Islamic scholars criticizing the "American Saudi regime" for the arrest and deportation of Iranian pilgrims. The message, carried by Tehran radio, asserted that a council of representatives of Islamic nations must be appointed to administer the holy places of Mecca and Medina in place of the current control by "Satan."

Iran-Iraq War

An Iranian military communique carried by Tehran radio announced on 10 October that an Iraqi fighter was shot down inside Iraq, but this was later denied by an Iraqi military official cited by INA. IRNA reported that Iranian forces killed 20 Iraqis and destroyed 13 tanks near Sumar on 9 October. Iraqi communiques carried by INA asserted that the air force flew 114 combat missions over the Mandali region on 8 October and downed an

Iranian Phantom after a dogfight near Ilam 2 days later. Another communique carried by Baghdad radio said that 54 Iranians died in the central battle sector, while Iraqi Air Force raids continued near Mandali and "deep" inside Iran. Meanwhile, an 11 October Iranian communique carried by Tehran radio announced that an Iraqi MiG-23 was shot down in the western sector.

On the diplomatic front, Iraqi President Saddam Husayn declared that Iraq has no pre-conditions for a peace agreement with Iran, adding that what is necessary is mutual respect for sovereignty, INA reported.

Egypt

Mubarak Diplomacy -- President Husni Mubarak flew to Khartoum on 12 October for a 2-day visit during which he will sign an Egyptian-Sudanese integration charter with Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri, MENA reported. The previous day, Mubarak received visiting British Foreign Secretary Pym, MENA noted.

Suspects Released -- Fifty-eight detainees arrested on suspicion of involvement in the "Al-Jihad" plot to overthrow the government were released on 10 October, AFP reported, citing Egyptian newspapers.

Gulf Defense

GCC defense ministers met in Riyadh 10-11 October for their second conference, according To SPA. KUNA said the ministers held lengthy discussions on security cooperation. Meanwhile, a Riyadh radio commentary said the GCC countries must not merely achieve a balance with hostile forces but must attain military superiority over them.

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U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION CALLED 'INTERFERENCE'

LD081006 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 7 Oct 82

[Statement by BAKHTAR information agency]

[Text] Our dear compatriots are aware that a while ago the Americans [words indistinct] at a press conference presented to journalists a new U.S. Senate resolution which is another document for U.S. imperialism to interfere in the internal affairs of the free and independent country of the DRA.

The U.S. Senate's approval of this document in accordance with which weapons, ammunition and money will be provided for counterrevolution in Afghanistan demonstrates that the murderous groups, lackeys of international imperialism, are on the brink of destruction, and this latest endeavor by the U.S. Senate is aimed at salvaging the last remnants from destruction. The heroic and revolutionary people of Afghanistan are aware that whenever they inflict harsh blows on counterrevolutionaries the pain is felt by imperialist centers, particularly U.S. imperialism. These centers then strive to use any remaining possibilities to salvage these servant lackeys who are the protectors of imperialist interests.

The people of Afghanistan explicitly and vigorously denounce the approval of the new U.S. Senate bill and such interferences in the affairs of the independent and free country of the DRA, and regard it as a direct result of the formidable victories achieved recently by the heroic army, security forces, people and earnest defenders of our working people's aspirations in the task of ridding the sacred land of Afghanistan of counterrevolution. The U.S. world-devouring [word indistinct] machinery whose evil expansionist hands recently were soiled with the blood of thousands of Lebanese and Palestinian martyred Muslims and has gained nothing except the world public's hateful feelings, has this time removed the black mask it had been wearing to cover its interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, and in the middle of international exposure it had to promise official assistance to Afghanistan counterrevolution.

The people of the DRA, who clearly recognize this enemy of all awakened masses of the world and who had information long ago through evidence and documents proving U.S. interference in their private affairs, will regard the approval of this bill as the start of another new adventurous design by the warmongering imperialists for further clear interference in their country and remind these imperialists of the unfortunate consequence of their intervention in other parts of the world.

The national democratic revolution of Afghanistan today is backed by the millions of brave and heroic people in the country and is irreversibly carrying our society toward the bright horizons of the abolition of all kinds of despotism and cruelty and toward the creation of a prosperous future. The mobilization of all toilers and their [word indistinct] on the path of revolution is a serious warning to all enemies of humanity's progress not to underestimate the combatant capability of this revolutionary conscious nation and not to disturb their peace.

The U.S. Senate must know that the decision for broadening the undeclared war which from the start of the April Revolution has been continuously carried out by the United States and all other reactionary and hegemonist forces against the noble people of Afghanistan is another dangerous game which further complicates events in Afghanistan and which will have a direct effect on the region's stability and peace.

The enemies of the Afghan revolution must know that the people of Afghanistan are grateful for the USSR's fraternal and internationalist assistance, rendered in difficult days when the existence of revolution in the country was at stake, for the defense of the DRA's national independence and territorial integrity. The presence of limited Soviet military units which are stationed in the DRA in accordance with the wishes of the people and the DRA Government in order to cooperate in foiling external interference in our country's internal affairs is an issue that concerns the DRA and the USSR.

The DRA, which is seeking a peaceful solution to issues around Afghanistan through constructive proposals and the end of imperialist interference in its internal affairs, will regard as a negative step any kind of intensification in the undeclared war against Afghanistan during the processes of a peaceful solution to the issues through talks and believes that, at the present crucial stage, instead of disruption, all possibilities must be used for the victory of reason and diplomacy.

KARMAL RETURNS FROM VISIT TO HUNGARY 8 OCTOBER

LD101842 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 8 Oct 82

[Excerpt] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, and his entourage this afternoon arrived home after an official and friendly visit to the People's Republic of Hungary.

Babrak Karmal, heading a high-ranking party and state delegation, had gone to Hungary at the beginning of the week at the invitation of Janos Kadar, first secretary of the MSZMP Central Commitee and Pal Losonczi, president of the Hungarian Presidential Council.

The plane carrying Babrak Karmal and his entourage landed today at 1630 at Kabul International Airport. Babrak Karmal was greeted by Soltan Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers; members of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; vice presidents of the Revolutionary Council; the vice president of the Revolutionary Council Presidium; the minister of transport; the USSR ambassador; and the charge d'affaires of the People's Republic of Hungary. A number of pioneers presented Babrak Karmal with wreaths of flowers. Babrak Karmal, accompanied by Maj Gen Abdol Qadeir, minister of national defense, and the commander of the national guard regiment, then inspected the honor guard unit and accepted its salute.

BABRAK KARMAL SENDS TELEGRAM TO BREZHNEV

LD100656 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0423 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Text] Kabul, Oct 9, BAKHTAR -- Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee and president of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan on his way back home, overflying the USSR airspace sent a telegram from his plane to Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

The telegram says: "While flying over the airspace of your beautiful country, I am pleased to express the warmest and most comradely greetings of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and my own greetings to the Central Committee, the state and the people of the fraternal Soviet Union and personally to you, Leonid Ilich Brezhnev."

The telegram voices the confidence that the development of fraternal and friendly relations between the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan and the USSR, and the all-sided support of the Soviet Union and the internationalist cooperation of the USSR aimed at ensuring well-being and prosperity of the peoples of the two countries serve the cause of peace throughout the world.

HOME MINISTER ON 11 OCTOBER DELHI SHOOTING

BK120954 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 12 Oct 82

[Text] Home Minister P.C. Sethi said it is unfortunate that certain elements did not reciprocate government's gesture in permitting a processing from Gurdwara Bangla Saheb to Gurdwara Rakabgunj near Parliament House yesterday.

The permission had been granted on the firm assurance given by the organizers that it was a religious and peaceful procession with no agitational program. But some people in the procession broke the police cordon, shouting slogans and ran toward north block in Parliment House. When the police chased them, they were subjected to heavy brick-batting.

Sethi was making a statement in parliament on yesterday's incident adjacent to Parliament House complex in which four persons were killed in police firing and five others were injured. He told the members that most of the processionists were carrying kirpans, swords and spears and they were brandished on policemen.

A group of processionists entered the wire fencing outside Parliament House and attacked police personnel who intercepted them. The police had therefore to open fire. A large number of police officials including the commissioner of police received injuries. The mob set fire to four police motorcycles and stoned some Delhi Transport Corporation buses besides causing extensive damage to street lights.

The home minister said that the government has all along respected the religious feelings of the Sikh community. It is sympathetic to their legitimate grievances. It was for these reasons that permission had been given to take out the procession. Unfortunately, the governments gesture was not reciprocated. It was a matter of deep regret that four persons lost their lives in the incident.

Some opposition members in the Lok Sabha had given notices of adjournment motion on the subject, but the speaker ruled them out. He said the house could discuss the incident if the business advisory committee agreed.

Replying to questions in the Rajya Sabha, the home minister said precautions have been taken to ensure that yesterday's incident does not create more problems in Punjab and other states. He made it clear that, if talks are resumed with Akalis, these will not be confined to religious issues but will cover a wide area. Sethi said the terms of reference of the judicial inquiry ordered yesterday includes the adequacy of force used by the police, the causes and the sequences of the event and remedial measures to prevent the recurrence of such events.

The home minister said the Punjab Government has already ordered a magisterial inquiry into the railway accident near Taran Taran. He will convey to the state government the demands for a judicial inquiry.

Earlier, several members welcomed the government's prompt decision to order a judicial inquiry into yesterday's incident. Demands were made for the resumption of talks with the Akalis. An Akali member said that yesterday's trouble was created by some mischief-mongers who did not belong to her party.

A number of lawyers from the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court have criticised the Akali morcha [Agitation] in support of the Anandpur Saheb resolution. In a statement in New Delhi, they said that constitutional issues of such importance could only be resolved through negotiations and within the constitutional framework. The statement said by adopting an extremist attitude the Akali leaders are doing a disservice to the long term interest of those whose cause they claim to espouse.

SECURITY STRENGTHENED PRIOR TO PROPOSED STRIKE

BK101622 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Text] Prohibitory orders have been promulgated throughout Bombay and parts of Pune and Nasik in view of the proposed 3-day industrial bunhd [strike] from tomorrow. Agency reports say that the Maharashtra Government has tightened security arrangements as a precautionary measure. The bundh has been organized to demand an immediate settlement of the 9-month-old textile mill workers' strike.

Chief Secretary to the Maharashtra Government R.B. Pradhan held discussions with home and police officials today and warned that miscreants will be sternly dealt with.

Bombay Situation 'Normal'

BK110905 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] Life in Bombay is normal despite the 3-day stop production agitation. Suburban train services and the central and western railway services are running as usual. Taxis and private vehicles are plying. Attendance in factories and other units is normal. The agitation also had no effect in Nasik, Nagpur and other nearby areas. The agitation is in support of the 9-month-old textile workers strike in Bombay.

Bus workers of the Bombay electric supply and transport [BEST] undertaking have also begun a strike in support of the agitation. However, the BEST workers' strike is to continue indefinitely to press the demand for higher wages. State Home Secretary D.N. Capoor told our Bombay correspondent that all necessary precautions have been taken to maintain peace. (Datta Samant) and a large number of his followers have been taken into custody for violating prohibitory orders in some places.

FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTER ARRIVES 11 OCTOBER

BK110833 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] French Defense Minister Charles Hernu arrived in New Delhi this morning on a 3-day visit. He was received at the airport by Defense Minister Venkataraman, Deputy Defense Minister K.P. Singh Deo, the three service chiefs and others. During his stay in the capital, the French defense minister will have talks with Union Defense Minister Venkataraman. He will also go around some of the defense installations in the country. He will call on Mrs Gandhi tomorrow.

SINGH TO STAY IN TEXAS HOSPITAL 1 MORE WEEK

BK110837 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] President Zail Singh is recovering satisfactorily at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston. Attending cardiologist Dr Virendra Mathur said in a statement that Zail Singh is able to walk about in his private hospital suite and is taking regular food. He is likely to be in the hospital for another week.

Zail Singh was operated upon for a coronary ailment on Wednesday.

NEPAL

COMMUNIQUE LISTS NEW COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

BK10101612 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Text] His majesty the king on the recommendation of the prime minister and in accordance with the Constitution of Nepal reshuffled the Council of Ministers headed by Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa and allocated the portfolios of 7 ministers, 9 ministers of state and 19 assistant ministers. According to a communique of the principle press secretariat of his majesty the king issued this morning, the following are the ministers and their portfolios:

Prime Minister, royal palace and defense . Surya Bahadur Thapa

Ministers:

Home	Nain Bahadur Swanr
Panchayat and local development	Nava Raj Subedi
Industry, commerce and supply	Balaram Ghartinagar
Finance	Yadav Prashad Pant
Law and justice and land reform	(Bakant Singh Gurung)
Foreign and water resources	Padma Bahadur Khatri

Ministers of state:

Labor and social welfare	Miss (Shadra Kumari Chale)
Forest and soil conservation	(Tejendra Bahadur Khadka)
General administration	Dhyan Bahadur Rai
Communications	Raghabendra Pratap Shah
Works and transport	Krisyna Charan Shrestha
Tourism	Deepak Bohra
Education and culture	Keshab Bahadur Gupta
Agriculture	(Tej Narayan Yadav)
Health	(Arabindnar Singh Sethi)

Assistant ministers:

Water resources	Som Nath Banstola
Supplies	Surdip Shahi
General administration	(Krishna Prasad Upadayaya)
Education	Govinda Man Singh Adhikari
Land reform	(Rig Bahadur Subedi)
Home	(Hirin Chandra Lama)
Industry	(Upendra Daipakia)
Health	Keshab Bahadur Shah
Finance	(Gagan Jung Bahadur Singh)
Law and justice	(Ganesh Dutt Lekhak)
Communications	(Ganesh Serchan)
Labor and social welfare	(Gopal Digendra Shah)
Local development	(Chandrajit Chowdhury)
Agriculture	(Surjit Shrestha)
Panchayat	(Bola Suring Gurung)
Forest and social conservation	(Budhiman Sharma)
Commerce	(Yadhu Prashad Bhatta)
Works and transport	(Lal Singh Gurung)
Tourism	[Name indistinct]

His majesty the king has also expressed the hope that the Council of Ministers will receive necessary cooperation from all as usual in the interest of Nepal and Nepalese and in activities designed to (?ensure prosperity).

SAUDI TREATMENT OF PILGRIMS REPORTED, PROTESTED

Foreign Ministry Statement

LD081234 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Oct 82

[Foreign Affairs Ministry statement on 8 October]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In yet another attempt to stifle the exposing shouts of Iranian pilgrims by a barbarous attack on the religious rites of the Komeyl prayers in Medina, the Saudi police has subjected a large number of our faithful struggling compatriots to assault and battery.

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Foreign Affairs Ministry considers such hostile stands toward the pilgrims' shouts against imperialist arrogance as stemming from a deep-rooted desire [peyvand] to protect U.S. and Zionist interests in the region and believes that such oppressive measures, meted out to such defenseless pilgrims who have no other goal than the exaltation of Islam and the annihilation of the enemies of Islam, by a government which despite its vast oil resources, tremendous currency reserves in Western banks and advanced U.S. hardware has endorsed with its silence and indifference onslaughts by the Zionist regime against Islamic territories, can have no other motive but revenge.

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Foreign Affairs Ministry condemns the latest attack by the Saudi police in Medina on pilgrims to Allah's holy house, proclaims that it is world arrogance and Zionism that directly sense danger in the unity of the Muslims and in their justice-seeking shouts in the religious-political pilgrimage rites and, consequently, deems any disruption of the exposing demonstrations by Muslims as a step toward serving the interests of arrogance and Zionism.

Saudi Envoy Summoned

LD081146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Oct 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Saudi charge d'affaires in Tehran this morning was summoned to the Foreign Affairs Ministry and a protest was made to him by Sheykh ol-Eslam, political under secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in connection with the assault and battery of Iranian hajj pilgrims to Allah's holy house in Medina. In this meeting, the political under secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, enumerating the instances of assault and battery and acts of violence committed by the Saudi police against Iranian pilgrims to which reference has been made in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs official protest, demanded an official reply from the Saudi Government.

Attack on Mission Building

LD081312 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Oct 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that following the savage attack carried out last night by Saudi special agents and a number of mercenaries on the Komeyl prayers gathering of the Iranian hajj pilgrims alongside the Al-Baqi' cemetery late last night, the Saudi police in Medina, equipped with helmets, shields and electric truncheons, and supported by club-wielding mercenaries, attacked the imam's mission building using sticks, clubs, stones, tear gas and fire engines, smashing windows and ground floor furniture and cutting telephone and power cables and the building's water supply. During the raid, the Saudi forces beat up and verbally attacked the hajj pilgrims, wounding and injuring a number of them.

The reaction of the Iranian hajj pilgrims residing in the mission building to these inhumane and wild actions was simply to chant God is great and death to America and Israel. According to this report, the Saudi forces followed this by occupying the ground floor of the mission building, preventing people from entering and leaving, cordoned off the building and continued their inhumane provocations until morning.

Following the Saudi agents' savage behavior, the Iranian hajj pilgrims went up to the rooftops and chanted the enemy-crushing cry of God is great in protest.

The report states that, during this wild raid, the Saudi forces first prevented the transfer of wounded to the Islamic Republic of Iran Red Crescent hospital, but that eventually, as a result of the pilgrim's insistence a number of them were taken to the hospital and others were arrested by the Saudi police. Meanwhile, the police and Saudi special forces prevented the Islamic Republic of Iran Red Crescent ambulances from transporting the wounded to the hospital, and the police and a number of mercenaries attacked two ambulances, using sticks, stones and truncheons, smashing their windows and arresting the doctors and ambulance drivers.

Deportation of Kho'ini - led Delegation

LD091140 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 9 Oct 82

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report following the barbarous attack launched by the Saudi police against the imam's mission in Medina, which took place during observance of the Kemeyl prayers ritual, hundreds of policeman closed the streets and alleyways in the vicinity and surrounded the mission building yesterday afternoon. Nearly 100 of them entered the various floors of the buildings.

In the meantime, police officers carried off Musavi Kho'ini, the imam's representative and supervisor of the Iranian pilgrims from various countries who had congregated around the mission. The entourage was carried off to Medina Airport.

At Medina Airport, where a large number of military forces were deployed on the runway, the imam's representative and his entourage were put aboard a C-130 military aircraft, previously made ready for this very purpose, and taken to Jidda Airport.

At Jidda Airport, where a large number of Saudi military and security forces were deployed, the imam's representative and his accompanying delegation were put aboard an Islamic Republic of Iran aircraft leaving for the holy city of Mashhad and were sent to Iran.

Kho'ini Message to Pilgrims

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the imam's representative and supervisor of Iranian pilgrims, Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi Kho'ini, sent a message to the Iranian pilgrims. While condemning the ungainly attempts made by Saudi agents to silence the legitimate voices of the pilgrims, the message says: These rulers, who rely on the bayonet, do not realize that American methods in confronting the people, whose slogan is, Allah is great, and whose weapons are their faith in God, were rendered useless a long time ago.

The statement adds: The Saudi rulers truly manifested their nature through their treatment of the pilgrims to Mecca, particularly the Iranian pilgrims. They also revealed their covert relations with Israel. As for you, who are crusaders in the path of God, you too demonstrated that you are the uncompromising enemies of global infidels, led by America, as well as the usurping Israel. God willing, the great Iranian nation, led by its eminent imam, will become the standard bearer for the liberation of Jerusalem and annihilation of Israel.

I consider it my duty to express my gratitude to the Iranian pilgrims and other esteemed pilgrims from other Islamic countries, who managed to extend their cooperation, as much as they could, to the Iranian pilgrims in the light of the repression of the Saudi police.

Ayatollah Montazeri Message

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the following message was issued by His Eminence Ayatollah Montazeri to the scholars and intellectuals of Islamic countries in connection with the savage conduct of the American Saudi regime, the expulsion of the imam's representative and the beating up and insulting of the Iranian pilgrims at God's holy house by this country's mercenary police:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful.

Great Islamic ummah, scholars and thinkers of Islamic lands, may God, the most exalted, assist you.

Surely you are aware of the recent treatment of the oppressed Iranian hajj pilgrims and of the representative of the great leader of the Islamic revolution, His Eminence Imam Khomeyni, and the beating up, insults, arrest and expulsion to which they were subjected, and the violation of the sanctity of God's holy house and the other holy shrines, all perpetrated by the American Saudi regime.

The sin of the Iranian hajj pilgrims was to revive the Muhammadan tradition, to enlighten the world's Muslims to the oppression imposed by the world's blasphemy and the usurping Israel, to express revulsion at them and invite Muslims to unite.

These inhumane actions were carried out by a regime, which serves as a strong base for America and Israel in the region, during the great hajj ceremonies and during the prayers of the Iranian hajj pilgrims at Medina, at a time when the world's Muslims, more than at any other time, need unity of expression and sympathy with one another in the face of full-scale attacks by the Western and Eastern colonialists, the usurping Israel and the aggressive Ba'thist regime against their holy places, their land and against the deprived masses. It is during the glorious hajj ceremonies that the Muslims must make full use of the gathering to urge the unity of the Muslims and to enforce monotheism. On the holy Koran's orders the holy house of God must be used as the venue for Muslims to rise up.

All hajj pilgrims from Islamic countries closely witnessed the suppression in this country and the anti-Islamic treatment by the Saudi executioners of the Iranian hajj pilgrims and of those who intended to contact them and communicate with them.

This regime, which comprises a pleasure-seeking Najdi family, was created more than half a century ago by the British colonialists with sinister and shameful intentions and the British colonialists usged all illiterate and hireling bedouin to oppress the Muslim nation, and they put him and his discredited family, who are unfamiliar with Islam and Arabic and Islamic honor, in charge of administrating the holy sanctuaries at Mecca and Medina.

Today, the treacherous and pleasure-seeking Saudi rulers render the best service to the enemies of Islam in the region, headed by the arch-satan. All the crimes committed by America and Israel in the region, the massacre of the Muslims of Lebanon and Palestine, the wheeling and dealing with Israel on the Palestinian movement and the Muslim holy places, conferences such as the one at Fes, and so on, and the treacherous and disgraceful treaties such as Camp David are carried out on the initiative and with the collaboration of this corrupt and anti-Islamic regime. By taking possession of the God-given wealth, including oil, which is the lifeline of Europe and America, this regime has made the Islamic Arabian Peninsula dependent on America, the West, in every field. The Muslim and oppressed nation of Arabia, apart from a minority attached to the filthy royal court and apart from the regime's mercenaries, live in extraordinary material and cultural poverty.

The American capitalists and advisers in Saudi Arabia enjoy absolute immunity and authority. The regime's oil revenues, apart from being spent on legendary pleasure games and the golden palaces of Saudi rulers and princes, are used in American and European banks as a cover for the banknotes and the economy of the shaky [word indistinct] of the regime's masters.

Ignorant pseudoclerymen, who are unaware of Islam, of the Koran and of the religion's traditions, play an important role in consolidating this American pleasure-seeking regime. They are usually mercenaries of the regime's security machine and do not allow the deprived nation of Arabia any thought and movement. Nevertheless, through the government's loud-speakers, they disseminate fantasies and fabrications that are hated by the Sunni ulema and by the Islamic world, as if these fantasies were the religion and tradition of God's great prophet, while keeping their own nation in ignorance.

Despite all this, I do not know how the world's Muslims, the great Islamic thinkers and the progressive (?scholars) of the Islamic and Arab world permit the two holy sanctuaries of Mecca and Medina, which are the holiest places on earth, to be in the hands of a bunch of pleasure-seekers and mercenaries, not allowing the Muslims to make spiritual, political and human gains from the holy house of Allah, from those reviving and destiny-making ceremonies, from the miracle and holiness of the Mosque of the Prophet, may peace be upon him and his scion, and from so much teaching and constructive work.

For how long must Satan rule the house of God? Does the religious conscience of the Muslims allow such a house, with so much grace and holiness, which must be the origin of all freedoms, liberations and divine and human values, to be administrated by the most corrupt regime, allow a person whose dependence, his state of pleasure seeking, moral corruption and evil are known to free nations, to be responsible for shaping the destiny of these two great sanctuaries, not letting nations and those anxious to visit the house of God and of His honorable prophet determine the destiny of this world and the other world in these [word indistinct] and holy lands for a short time?

The great Islamic nation must find a solution and cure for this public tragedy. The progressive Arab and non-Arab [word indistinct] must no longer tolerate such oppression against their history and their sanctities. A council of representatives of Islamic nations and countries must be appointed to administer the two holy sanctuaries.

The Muslim nation of the Arabian Peninsula, particularly the committed intellectuals and the liberated clerymen, must know that freedom must be purchased at a high price. The experience of the vilified fraternal nation in Islamic Iran is the best model and symbol for them. With complete coordination, using the weapon of faith and the slogan of monotheism and with inspiration from the decisive and awakening leadership of the great leader of the revolution, the Iranians managed to rid themselves of the yoke of the several-thousand-year-old captivity, overthrow the satanic regime with all its pomposity and replace it with the rule of God.

I beg the almighty for victory and glory for Islam and the Muslims, for the salvation and liberation of the sacred places and the Islamic lands from the paws of Satan and the agents of the world's blasphemy and for victory for the brave combatants on all fronts.

Peace and God's mercy and blessings be upon you.

[Signed] Hoseyn 'Ali Montazeri

[Dated] 10 October 1982

Kho'ini: Attack Preplanned

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[Text] Mashhad, Oct 10, IRNA -- Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi-Kho'ini said that the Saudi officials were thinking in vain that they could stop the revolutionary movement of the Iranian pilgrims by expelling one or few Iranians.

"The message of the (Islamic) revolution had already reached other Islamic and non-Islamic countries before the arrival of the Iranian pilgrims (in Mecca)," he said.

The representatives of Imam Khomeyni for this year's hajj ceremonies told IRNA reporter here last night that the savage attack of the Saudi "club-wielders" on the Iranian pilgrims in Medina Thursday night was pre-arranged.

Kho'ini said that the Saudi police first broke the windows of the first floor of the Iranian headquarters and then wounded a large number of Iranian pilgrims after they had been dizzied by tear gas. He added that telephone and electricity had been cut off and photographic equipment were destroyed by the police.

Later the police arrested Kho'ini and other Iranian officials while the building was surrounded by more than 1,000 security men and transferred them to the airport to board a military plane for Jidda and from there back to Iran on a regular flight.

Iranian pilgrims and Saudi security forces clashed several times during this year's hajj ceremonies only for the simple reason that the Iranians wanted to denounce the crimes in Lebanon.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Kho'ini said that Muslims from other countries showed great interest for Imam Khomeyni and the Islamic revolution, although they had many difficulties in having contacts with the Iranian pilgrim centres because of pressure from the regime.

"The Iranian pilgrims gave the message of the revolution effectively to the Muslim's participating in the great congress of hajj despite all hurdles and difficulties created by the fascist (pro) American police of Saudi Arabia," he said.

The Muslims from other countries were very much impressed when they saw the courageous venture of their Iranian counterparts who broke the atmosphere of suppression which was created by the Saudi police, Kho'ini said and pointed out that the Muslims were also encouraged and joined the Iranians while they were shouting slogans of "Death to Israel" and "Death to America."

MAJLIS MEMBERS REMIND SAUDIS OF SHAH'S FATE

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[Text] Tehran, Oct. 10 (IRNA) -- In a communique published here [word indistinct], the representatives of the Islamic Consultative Assembly warned the Saudi Government to learn from what had happened to the ex-shah who was a supporter of U.S. and Zionist interests in the region.

The communique signed by a group of 150 Majlis representatives said that the Saudi Government had assaulted and arrested hundreds of Iranian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia only because they were chanting slogans in condemnation of the U.S. Government and the regime occupying Al-Quds. Excerpts:

"...club-wielders in Saudi Arabia are trying to suppress the call of 'Death to the United States, death to Israel' in the throat of tens of thousands of free Muslims in the lofty bastion of monotheism and in the historical centre for struggle against heresy and oppression. This shameful action takes place not long after the Zionist murderers have massacred thousands of people in Lebanon solely on charges of being Muslims and Palestinians. While such crimes were being perpetrated, the pioneers in reactionary movements in the Muslim world, and the miserable supports of the U.S. policy were busy bringing the most ignominous shame of the contemporary history of Arabs and Islam upon Muslims by guaranteeing in the Fes conference security for the regime occupying Palestine...."

"But naturally to call such slogans as 'God is great' or 'Muslims join together' or 'Death to the United States, death to Israel' in an environment permeated with AWACS, and soiled with the presence of American expatriates, and in a country whose oil resources are the principal backing for the aggression of world oppression, and whose bazaars are ideal outlets for the preying capitalists of the world is certainly a felonious crime. It is not surprising that the guardians of the interests of the world oppression should encounter the pioneers of the revolution of the Muslim world, with sticks and clubs, and why they fling under boots the revolutionary and pious Muslim men and women...."

"We hereby warn the men in power in Saudi Arabia to observe as an object lesson, the outcome of the ex-shah who relied on the U.S. support and who was committed to the world oppression and in alliance with Israel. Let them remember that despite innumerable machinations, the Islamic revolution is spreading with the passing of each day, and let them rest assured that their ignominious acts would only serve to increase the spread of this revolution, and would serve to vindicate the legitimacy of the Islamic Republic of Iran and further prove the grandeur of the magnanimous leader of the Islamic revolution and the wrongs done to the brave progeny of this revolution in the eyes of the Muslim world."

KHO'INI URGES MUSLIMS TO PREPARE FOR NEXT HAJJ

LD111126 Tehran IRNA in English 0911 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct. 10, IRNA -- The world Muslims should even now think and prepare for the forthcoming hajj next year, in order that the Saudi rulers may not be the ultimate decision makers in relation to the problems of Muslims, Hojjat ol-Eslam Kho'ini was quoted as saying here today.

Kho'ini, who led the Iranian hajj pilgrims to Mecca last month, was expelled by the Saudi Government two days ago in the wake of demonstrations there by the pilgriming Iranians in condemnation of the U.S. Government and the regime occupying Al-Quds.

In an interview he gave here upon his arrival from Mashhad today he said it was suprising that the Saudi officials considered as blasphemous the calling of slogans against the United States and the regime occupying Al-Quds while they fully legitimized and declared as being in keeping with dictates of Islam the flight of the AWACS over Qaba' [shrine in Mecca] and offering of the fuel of the oppressed and impoverished Muslims of Saudi Arabia to the United States and the regime occupying Al-Quds.

Excerpts: "We consider it as being the religious right of every Muslim to be informed of the status and of the problems of other Muslims. During the hajj ceremonies this year we insisted that Muslims should be kept informed of the plights of each other, and that they should not remain silent vis-a-vis the plots of the colonialist countries...."

"The Saudi potentates consider as being un-Islamic, the humanistic and Islamic gestures of Iranian pilgrims in Saudi Arabia whereby they shouted 'Death to the United States' and 'Death to Israel', whereas in contrast they do not consider the flight of the U.S. AWACS over the house of Qaba' nor do they seem to be in the least concerned about their offering of the fuel of the oppressed and impoverished masses to the United States and Israel...."

"The beastly behaviour of the Saudi police with the pilgriming Iranians speaks of the significance of the revolutionary and Islamic move of the Iranian pilgrims there this time.... Had this gesture of the Iranian Muslims been without any impact upon other Muslims there, the Saudi potentates would not have committed such criminal acts upon them such as arresting them, or clubbing them.... Muslims should not be indifferent to what is happening to the Muslim world.... Those who consider the slogans 'Death to the United States', 'Death to Israel' as being in contrast against the properly Islamic deportment are no other people than the direct supporters of the United States and Israel in Saudi Arabia...."

"The principal reason why the Saudi potentates were outrageous with the Imam (Khomeyni's) delegation is their ignorance about the percepts of the Islamic revolution.... The Saudi potentates thought that by being rough they could totally discourage attention being given by other Muslims to the members of the delegation. Little did they seem to know that in effect it was the position of the Islamic Republic which appealed to other Muslims."

"The apprehension of a considerable number of other Muslims along with Iranians evidenced the support given to the Islamic gesture of the pilgriming Iranians there..."

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF ISSUES COMMUNIQUES

Communique No 1,073

LD081724 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,073 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The situation at the fronts of the imposed war and the bravery of the combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran hereby is brought to the attention of the dear and Muslim compatriots.

On the country's western front, due to heavy fire by artillery units of the Ground Forces, and thanks to successful operations by Airborne Division personnel and patrol operations of the courageous Ground Forces personnel, numbers of blasphemous Saddamist forces were killed or wounded and numbers of their tanks were destroyed. A motor pool, a number of enemy trenches and foxholes and several of their vehicles were set on fire and destroyed. These operations also prevented enemy activities and movements.

According to reports from the Ground Forces on one of the operational fronts, named [name indistinct], four ammunition depots and an Iraqi Army tank were set on fire and destroyed.

On the Qasr-e Shirin, Meymak and Mehran fronts, exchange of fire continued and heavy artillery fire by the Ground Forces inflicted considerable damage on the aggressive Iraqi Ba'thists.

In a confrontation on one of the country's western fronts, 10 Saddamists were killed and 3 others were captured by combatants of Islam.

On the Marivan front, artillery fire by the combatants of the Ground Forces on Saddamist positions in Panjwin and Hargineh silenced the Ba'thist mercenaries' fire and inflicted damage and casualties on them.

On 6 October, an NCO and two Muslim Iraqi soldiers surrendered to the forces of Islam on one of the country's western fronts and asked for asylum.

During the past 24 hours, on the southern fronts, exchange of artillery and heavy weapons fire continued and the victorious combatants of Islam defended and consolidated their positions and areas under their control. They kept all activities and movements of the Saddamist forces under their control.

The Gendarmerie combatants on the Khorramshahr and Abadan fronts returned the enemy's fire and destroyed several trenches, foxholes and observation posts of the Saddamist forces and prevented their fire.

A number of aggressive planes belonging to the Iraqi Armed Forces that intended to violate the airspace of several western and southern towns yesterday were confronted and forced to flee by antiaircraft units and tactical operations of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Communique No 1,074

LD091730 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 9 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,074 issued by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. During the past 24 hours, the epic-making and victorious combatants of Islam, in the operational western regions of the country, defended their positions and dealt heavy blows to Saddam's forces with artillery and mortar fire.

Our combatants stationed in the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operation region concentrated their efforts on consolidating and establishing the fronts recaptured, bravely protected all regions and heights that have been liberated and foiled all enemy aggressive infiltrating activities.

According to the report received, in the operations on 7 October, 13 enemy tanks were destroyed by the helicopters of the Airborne Division and by artillery units.

Yesterday, one of our patrols infiltrated a newly-established enemy border post in Mehran region inside Iraqi territory and, backed by heavy-weapons fire, inflicted damage and casualties on the Saddamist forces.

In the southern operational regions, the truth-seeking combatants of Islam returned enemy fire and disrupted enemy movements and activities, maintained their supremacy over the Ba'thist, Zionist mercenaries of the Saddam regime and defended their positions.

During 6-7 October, 42 soldiers of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran stationed in the operational regions were martyred. God bless their souls.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Communique No 1,075

LD101732 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,075 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] The proud combatants of the air force shot down an invading Iraqi aircraft at 1710 today. It crashed inside Iraq.

Exchanges of fire continued on the western fronts. The powerful combatants of Islam strengthened their defensive positions, returned enemy fire and inflicted blows on them.

In the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operational sectors, the Guards Corps self-sacrificers disp ched tank seeking groups and destroyed three Iraqi tanks.

Thanks to the heavy artillery fire of the Ground Forces on the positions of the Saddamists, two enemy ammunition dumps in the (Miyan Tang) sector also were destroyed.

On another front in the same sector, the heavy and continuous firing of the combatants of Islam destroyed an enemy Katyusha and killed at least 20 Iraqis.

On other western fronts, the Ground Forces artillery fire on enemy positions between the Mandali and Zurbatiyah sectors killed or wounded several Saddamist soldiers and substantially damaged enemy positions in that sector.

On the southern fronts, the victorious forces of Islam defended their positions. By bringing the positions of the Saddamists under fire, they silenced their fire and inflicted damage on the Ba'thist mercenaries of Iraq.

Abadan yesterday was brought under long-range enemy artillery fire, which wrecked a mosque and two houses.

As before, Iraqi aerial aggressions against border towns in the south and west were repelled yesterday by the antiaircraft fire of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During the battle of 8 October, eight self-sacrificing armed forces combatants were martyred.

[Communique unsigned]

Communique No 1,076

LD111720 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,076 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. At 1320 today, an invading Iraqi MiG-23 was shot down by one of the fighters of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the western part of the country.

The combative units of Islam in the western operational sectors yesterday brought enemy positions and trenches under heavy weapons fire, inflicting losses and casualties on the defeated forces of Saddam on all fronts. In that region, our powerful defenders set afire an enemy ammunition dump and by bringing assembly areas and supply axes of the Saddamists in the (Tutmal) and Panjwim sectors under artillery fire disrupted their activities.

In the southern operation sectors, our self-sacrificing combatants with their continuous efforts on the battlefronts and by bringing enemy fortifications, personnel and armored equipment under heavy artillery and mortar fire, are dealing crushing blows to the aggressors and are bringing the dying enemy closer to total annihilation.

In the Abadan sector, our forces defended their positions and brought enemy stations on the other side of the Arvand Rud under fire, destroying several slit trenches, foxholes and assorted Iraqi weapons, and silencing enemy fire.

As a result of enemy fire, two houses and a shop yesterday were destroyed in Abadan.

During the past 24 hours, a number of Iraqi planes aggressed against operational sectors and border towns in the south and west on several occasions, but thanks to the fire of the antiaircraft units and the tactical steps taken by the fighters of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, they were forced to flee.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

REZA'I SAYS IRANIANS 100 KM FROM BAGHDAD

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[Text] Shiraz, Oct 9, IRNA -- During the first year of the Iraqi imposed war as a result of treachery of former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr and also due to lack of experience and readiness, the Iraqis were able to occupy large parts of Iranian territory, said the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, (IRGC), Mohsen Reza'i here Friday.

The IRGC commander who was addressing the Friday prayers congregation further added that, in the second year of the war, after Bani-Sadr was ousted, despite all the help extended to Iraq, including the French made missiles, along with the Soviet and Saudi help, Iraq was still unable to keep the territories it had captured from Iran thus resulting in the Iranian forces' recovery of its land.

In the continuation of his speech, Reza'i said that at present global infidelity was fighting against an oppressed people as well as against Islam.

He further said that all the superpowers have concentrated their efforts in Iraq because their intention is to suppress the truth.

As for the present situation of the Iranian forces, he said that they were now one hundred kms from the Iraqi capital of Baghdad and in the recent offesnive launched in the western fronts, the Iranian forces took control of several strategic heights. The recent victories of the Iranian forces, he added, has enabled them to exercise control over a vast area of land ahead of them, further saying that for its defence Iraq would have to use four military units.

However, since Iraq lacked such military resources, the Iranaian forces by making an advance of another 40 kms, would have Baghdad within their artillery range, Reza'i added.

FORCES COMMANDER: NO DESIRE TO ENTER IRAQ

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[Text] Tehran, Oct. 10, IRNA -- The acting commander-in-chief of the armed forces said in an interview today that the Islamic combatants do not wish to enter Iraqi territory but if they were forced to do so in order to obtain Iran's demands of reparations and its rights, they would "take any measure accorded to Islamic laws and international common laws of defence."

In his interview printed in today's issue of ETTELA'AT, Gen. Zahirnezhad said that the Iraqi aggressors were still occupying small areas of Iranian territory in the south of the country and generally in high and strategic lands in the border regions of western Iran. "We will fight until the aggressor army remaining in our country are thrown out and then clear accounts with them", he said.

On the recent offensive of the Islamic combatants in the western region of Sumar, Zahirnezhad said that the objectives of the "Muslim ibn Aqi'" operation was "to secure the official borders of our country, and push back the Iraqi Ba'thist army from our own border lines in that region". He said that this was "to prove to the Iraqi Ba'thist army and to the imperialists, especially America that we are capable of throwing out the enemy from our country".

He further added that the Islamic forces had achieved all of their aims in the offensive but battle was still continuing in some regions due to the enemy's counter-offensive attempts.

Questioned about the future plans of the Islamic forces, General Zahirnezhad said that these plans could not be divulged. However, he said, "we will continue our operations with the held of God, until victory and fulfillment of our demands".

SPEAKERS CONCERNED OVER 'FREEDOM MOVEMENT'

LD102058 Tehran IRNA in English 1948 GMT 10 Oct 82

["Freedom Movement Reveals Contempt for Islamic Republic" -- IRNA headline]

[Text] Tehran, Oct 9, IRNA -- Speakers around the country have once again expressed concern over the Freedom Movement, this time for a statement it has recently addressed to the speaker of the Majlis, Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani.

The matter first arose on Tuesday when Hojjat ol-Eslam Movahedi Svoji, a representative from Saveh in the Majlis, made condemning statements concerning the Freedom Movement, the pro-Soviet Tudeh Party and the Hojjatiyeh Society, a Muslim group which has also come under official criticism in the past year. He made the statement in a Majlis pre-agenda speech, apparently after learning about the letter.

His comments made front page headlines the same day when afternoon papers printed his full speech.

Later on Friday Hojjat ol-Eslam Karrubi, a Majlis representative from Aligudarz and the representative of Imam Khomeyni in the Martyrs' Foundation, made a fiery speech before the sermons on Hojjat ol-Eslam Hasemi-Rafsanjani in Tehran's Friday prayers.

Karrubi's speech was entirely addressed to the Freedom Movement which he said had begun publishing statements here and there in order to bring themselves out of their isolation. He said that the movement had questioned the officials of the Islamic Republic on their achievements during the past 4 years and had said that the people had a dark future in front of them.

The influential Majlis representative also gave facts on the movement's conciliatory activities before and after the Islamic revolution. The crowd of worshippers several times broke his speech shouting slogans against the movement and its leader, Mehdi Bazargan, former prime minister in the provisional government and current Majlis representative from Tehran.

He then called on the judical authorities to try the Freedom Movement for its instigating activities, before they incite more innocent youth to carry out violent activities against the people.

Also one of the most prominent religious leaders in Qom, Ayatollah Meshkini, who led the Friday prayers there yesterday, said that the six-page-long letter had alleged that the deprived people were now coming to "engineer so and so" (Bazargan) for help.

"They come to us because their voices do not reach the gentlemen (Rafsanjani and other high ranking officials) sitting behind dark and thick windows of fast-moving automobiles with their sirens and G-3 carrying escourts," the letter said, according to Meshkini.

"If they didn't sit in these (bullet proof) cars, tomorrow there would be no Hashemi (Rafsanjani), the day after tomorrow there would be no Khameni'i... and then you (the Freedom Movement) would see that an atmosphere has been created for the return of Bani-Sadr and Rajavi, so that you Mr Engineer (Bazargan) could fix some kind of job for yourself," the ayatollah said.

Meanwhile, today's issue of JOMHURI-YE ISLAMI also carried an editorial commenting on a brief reply made by Hojjat ol-Eslam Hashemi-Rafsanjani in yesterday's Friday prayers on the movement, in which he referred to the movement as "a bunch of vultures, waiting to find something (and criticise)."

The paper said, "we must see who are these persons who are not willing to see the inventions, the discoveries, the blossoming of talents, victory in a most unequal war, the seeking of martyrdom, sacrifices, an end to prostitution and corruption, the flourishing of religion and mosques, the development of villages, the cutting off of the hands of the internal and external plunderers, intimidating the great satan (and who are these persons) who it is very easy for them to make a mountain from the so and so fault which is a natural aftermath of such a great revolution, as if it is their duty."

JOMHURI-YE ISLAMI then went on to state the past un-Islamic stands and actions by the Freedom Movement during the provisional government and said that the movement could not think of the bright areas of the revolution, and furthermore they put their fingers in the wounds of the revolution in an attempt to reach prominence.

Said the paper, they are prominent not in the eyes of the Muslim and revolutionary people of Iran but in the eyes of the enemies of the Islamic revolution, and they are reliable and useful for the latter in necessary times.

CLANDESTINE: MAJLIS DEPUTIES ATTACK BAZARGAN

GF101835 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 10 Oct 82

[Text] The contrived Majlis of mullahs today, following the attack by Mullah Karrubi against Nehzate-e Azadi [NAI] and Engineer Bazargan, criticized the interim government. Several members of the Majlis of mullahs, who raise various issues in the Majlis on the order of the government, in a preconceived scenario, condemned NAI and its members and especially Mehdi Bazargan. They concluded that NAI is the main cause of the expansions of the wave of the opposition among the people.

We should like to remind you that Bazargan and his gang are among the people who played a major role in bringing the anti-Islamic regime of Khomeyni into power. Should they escape their punishment in Islamic revolution courts -- where Qotbzadeh and Entezam were tried -- they must be tried in a national court following the establishment of national rule and receive their legal punishment.

Our correspondent adds: According to the preconceived program of Khomeyni's Islamic Republic regime, Bazargan and members of his interim government are to be arrested and tried in revolution courts. The preparations for the arrest of Bazargan and other NAI members, including Yazdi, have been completed.

CLANDESTINE REPORTS BAZARGAN 'UNDER HEAVY GUARD'

GF111554 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 11 Oct 82

[Text] According to a report by our correspondent, Engineer Bazargan, leader of Nehzat-e Azadi [NAI] and prime minister of the interim government of Khomeyni's regime, was released after a 24-hour arrest. He is currently under heavy guard in his house and is not allowed to leave.

Our correspondent, in his dispatch sent to our secret transmitter today adds: Dariush Fruhar, a member of the National Front, also escaped via the western borders of the country and has gone to Paris. According to this report, Dr Ebrahim Yazdi, who is a member of the mullahs' Majlis, has escaped via the southern borders of the country.

There is no report about the fate of Dr Yazdi yet. However, Fruhar asked for political asylum upon entering France. The Free Voice of Iran was the first source to announce the intention of the Khomeyni regime to arrest NAI members following the attacks by Mullah Karrubi, who was speaking during the government-contrived Friday prayer show. As we predicted, the partners of Khomeyni, each of whom had a major role in the establishment of the regime of Velayat-e Faqih, are either being arrested and executed or are escaping abroad.

Our correspondent states: The reason for the arrest of Engineer Bazargan was the publication of night pamphlets in Tehran. In these pamphlets, Bazargan and the NAI asked the people to participate in a general strike and hold street demonstrations against the actions of the government. They also had invited schoolchildren to hold strikes and avoid attending schools. The increasing wave of dissatisfaction in the country and [the possibility] of a mass uprising in Iran has caused grave concern to the ruling mullahs.

GUARDS CORPS OPERATIONS FOR PAST MONTH REPORTED

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[Text] The Central News Unit reports that the Publicity Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Committee has issued a statement on operations carried out during the past month by the selfless guards of the Islamic Revolution Committees of Tehran against the hypocrites and other blasphemous minigroups. The report reads:

In an operation resulting in the discovery and destruction of 13 corrupt safe-houses of the hyprocrites, the guards succeeded in arresting 22 of the senior cadres and active members of this organization; 12 other mercenaries were killed in confrontations with guards brothers. Searches carried out in these safe-houses by the guards revealed a number of fire arms, including machineguns, G-3's, Uzis, Colts, ammunition, several radio receivers, two-way radios, powerful homemade bombs, handgrenades, explosives, and documents and interorganizational papers.

In 20 street fights between the guards of the Islamic Revolution Committees and the pro-American hypocrites, 16 hypocrites were killed and 21 arrested. Several fire arms, including G-3's, Uzis, Colts, handgrenades, cyanide capsules and a number of important interorganizational documents were taken from them. It is necessary to note that most of these confrontations took place when the hypocrites were committing fascist, antihuman and terrorists acts and armed robberies; these acts were foiled by the awareness of the hezbollahi umma informing the selfless guards of the committees present at the scene of the incidents.

The report also stated that following the efforts of the guards brothers of the patrol units of the 14th Tehran District Committees and committees stationed in the police stations of Tehran, more than 240 senior cadres and important members of the pro-American hypocrites group and of other anti-Islamic minigroups were arrested. A considerable number of fire arms, ammunition, cyanide capsules, interorganizational documents giving details of the activities of these criminals in assassinating defenseless persons and carrying out armed robberies, were taken. The documents discovered also indicate the active participation of the majority of those arrested or killed in assassinating defenseless persons and of taking part in counterrevolutionary activities against the divine regime of the Islamic Republic. Five of those arrested were the torturers of three of the guards of the Islamic Revolution Committees.

CLANDESTINE REPORTS EXECUTION OF HIJACKERS

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[Text] According to our correspondent, the five occupants of the C-130 Hercules military airplane that fled to Dubai last week were executed by firing squad. The airplane which carried 79 passengers went to Dubai following a request by 5 passengers and 2 NCO's and their wives and children, and the hijackers asked for political asylum from the officials of the emirate, which was denied. The airplane and the five who wanted to flee the hell of the regime of the Islamic Republic were returned to the officials of the Khomeyni regime.

The airplane landed in Bandar 'Abbas Airport and the five were immediately arrested by the guards. At the time of the arrest, Musavi-Ardabli, president of the regime's Supreme Court, announced that the hijackers undoubtedly will be executed. Our correspondent reported today that the order for their execution, issued by the army's revolution tribunal, was carried yesterday morning and even the 12-year-old child of one of the NCOs was executed.

BUSHEHR ANNOUNCES RED ALERT 9 OCTOBER

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[Text] This is Bushehr, Voice of the Islamic Republic of Iran. The siren you are about to hear is that of the red alert warning. Please comply with all respective safety regulations. [sound of siren]

LEADERS CONFER WITH KHOMEYNI ON FEAST DAY 6 OCT

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 6, IRNA -- A group of high-ranking government authorities of the country conferred with the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic, Imam Khomeyni, this morning and congratulated the imam on the occasion of the Ghadeer Khom feast.

The group included President Khamene'i, Majlis Speaker Rafsanjani, chief justice of the Supreme Court, Ayatollah Musavi Ardabili, Prime Minister Musavi, members of the Cabinet, Prosecutor General of the Revolution Musavi-Tabrizi, chief of staff of the armed forces, General Zahirnezhad, member of the guardian council Ayatollah Mahdavi-Kani, a group of theologians, the first ambassadors of the Islamic Republic to the United Arab Emirates and Bangladesh as well as the Iranian charge d'affaires to France.

Ghadeer Khom is a day in which Prophet Mohammad (saw) nominated Imam 'Ali (as) as his successor. [parentheses as received]

VELAYATI MEETS WITH MALAGASY MINISTER 30 SEP

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[Text] Tehran, Oct. 1, IRNA -- Madagascar's minister of industry and commerce, Georges Solofson, met and conferred here Thursday with Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati.

In this meeting, both officials expressed their country's desire for expansion of bilateral diplomatic, economic and trade relations.

Dr. Velayati stated Iran's foreign policy was primarily based on expansion of relations with Third World and non-aligned countries, and thus respects the liberation struggle of the masses of Madagascar.

Mr. Solofson, pointing to the strategic location of his country and its refusal to supply any military base for superpowers, added that his country supports all liberation movements in African especially SWAPO in its struggles against the apartheid regime of Pretoria (S. Africa).

A diplomatic delegation from the Islamic Republic is due to travel to Madagascar to establish diplomatic ties with that country.

BRIEFS

NEW CUBAN AMBASSADOR -- Tehran, Oct 5 IRNA -- New Cuban ambassador to Tehran, Luis Marisi Figueredo, in a meeting with President Khamene'i this morning, presented his credentials. The Cuban ambassador referring to the joint enemy of the both countries, namely imperialist United States, said that Iran and Cuba in the course of their revolution have gone through much difficulties and have experienced many plots against their revolution. Ambassador Figueredo added that it was because of these similarities he felt at home in Iran. President Khamene'i, referring to the impacts of the Islamic revolution of Iran in the region, said that it has dealt a heavy blow on U.S. imperialism. Any country which worked against the interests of the U.S. would be considered a friend of the Islamic Republic, he added. He further reiterated that the Islamic revolution was independent of both East and West and only relied on God and its people. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 0958 GMT 6 Oct 82 LD]